

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename all of Interstate 465 the “USS Indianapolis Memorial Highway.”

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Tyler

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, The USS Indianapolis was commissioned at the Philadelphia Navy Yard on November 15, 1932, and, on July 30, 1945, while sailing from Guam to Leyte Gulf, was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine; and,

Whereas, When torpedoed, the USS Indianapolis was returning from its assignment to deliver to the island of Tinian components for the first atomic bomb; and,

Whereas, The USS Indianapolis capsized and sank in 12 minutes; and,

Whereas, Of the original 1,197 men on board, approximately 300 went down with the ship; and,

Whereas, The remaining sailors were left with very few lifeboats and struggled to survive in shark-infested waters; and,

Whereas, On August 3, 1945, while flying a routine antisubmarine patrol in the area, Lieutenant Wilbur C. Gwinn spotted the survivors; and,



Whereas, With 880 men dead, and 317 near death when picked up, the sinking of the USS Indianapolis remains the worst U.S. Naval disaster in history and represents the worst loss of life from shark attack in naval history; and

Whereas, Keeping the memory of the USS Indianapolis and her valiant crew alive is of the utmost importance: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the Indiana
2 Department of Transportation to rename all of Interstate 465 the “USS
3 Indianapolis Memorial Highway” to commemorate the date of the
4 sinking of the USS *Indianapolis* and the memory of the brave sailors
5 who lost their lives.

6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
7 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner
8 of the Indiana Department of Transportation and the chairman of the
9 board of the USS Indianapolis Survivors Organization.

